(a) the salient features of the recommendations of the Passenger Amenities Committee of Railways to attract more foreign tourists;

(b) whether there is any plan to modify normal trains other than luxurious trains on the pattern of the amenities provided in the trains of the developing countries;

(c) the estimated expenditure on modifications of notified trains; and

(d) the revenue expected to be earned from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The Passenger Amenities Committee has not given any recommendation in this regard, so far.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of announcements

†1038. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether former Railway Minister had announced to increase the number of coaches upto 24, to double the number of unreserved coaches and to induct double decker coaches;

(b) if so, the status of its implementation;

(c) whether it is fact that these announcements have not been implemented so far; and

(d) by when it would be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) In the Budget announcement 2006-07, augmentation of popular trains upto 23-24 coaches, increase in number of unreserved second class coaches from four to six in new trains except fully reserved AC trains and to make efforts to start air-conditioned double decker trains, were made.

(b) to (d) Attachment of coaches in trains is an ongoing process and a number of popular trains have been augmented upto 23/24 coaches keeping in view operational feasibility and commercial justification. New trains are introduced with at least 6 number of general class coaches except in special type trains like Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Garib Rath trains etc. Non-air conditioned double decker coaches are already running on Indian Railway. It has been planned to develop a suitable design and undertake manufacture of a prototype air conditioned double decker coach.

Unused land of Railways

†1039. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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